

Frequently Asked Questions

When can I get an application?

Applications become available ONLY during a designated period prior to the Civil Service Exam. They are NOT available at any other time.

I am in the military, does this help my chances of becoming a San Antonio Police Officer?

Applicants who have served on active duty for a minimum of 180 consecutive days in the United States Armed Forces, *not to include periods of service training*; been released from and not currently serving on active duty; been assigned a character of active service that is rated Honorable; **and** scored seventy percent (70%) or higher on the written entrance examination are eligible to receive an additional five (5) points, which shall be added to the applicant's written entrance examination score and used to determine his/her placement on the eligibility list.

I am already a police officer, do I still have to go through the academy?

If you already have your TCLEOSE certification, you will not have to re-take the certification exam; however, you will be required to complete the entire training academy. Those **not** licensed in the State of Texas will be required to take the certification exam and complete the entire training academy.

Do you have a lateral transfer program available?

No.

Is there any recommended study materials that will help me prepare for the written examination?

When you submit your application, if your application is accepted, we will be provided you with a preparation guide that will familiarize you with the type exam you will be taking. However, you will be responsible for identifying your weaknesses as well as locating those resources that will help you develop those weaknesses.

Do you accept applications from out of town applicants?

Applications may be submitted by anyone meeting minimum qualifications, however out of town applicants should be prepared to make travel arrangements during the various steps of the process. Civil service prohibits our agency from conducting off-site testing.

If I get accepted into your training academy, do I have to work for the San Antonio Police Department?

The San Antonio Police Training Academy is a private academy dedicated to providing training for those individuals aspiring to becoming a San Antonio Police Officer. Regional academies are available for those individuals seeking certification for other purposes.

When is the next academy?

The San Antonio Police Training Academy schedules on going training for new hires based on need, however only those applicants who are on an active eligibility list and who have successfully completed the entire process are considered for appointment to an academy.

Are there any fees I would need to pay for attending the academy?

No. If you are appointed to an academy class, you will be considered an at-will salaried employee. The City of San Antonio will pay you a salary, plus education pay (for those eligible), and provide full benefits for yourself and immediate family. **Additionally**, The San Antonio Police Training Academy is certified for full-time Veteran's Administration Education Benefits.